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Honoring Jerry

He was often called the Mayor of Duxbury with good reason. Almost everyone knew him in town. He had opinions on most things Duxbury and a broad perspective on the subject from years of town activity and many, many friends and acquaintances.

When he died too soon last November, many felt the loss of a public servant who had done an awful lot of good for his town.

So it was particularly fitting that this former American Legion Post 223 Commander, coach and co-founder of Duxbury Little League be honored on Memorial Day weekend under sunny skies on the newly rehabilitated Tarkiln baseball field — rededicated with friends and family on hand.

Jerry Dewing would have been pleased.

—Pleased at the amazing transformation of the the new Jerome B. Dewing field at Tarkiln; the work of DPW crews who began last August to create two new fields complete with irrigation systems to keep the grass green. New dugouts and fences help complete the transformation at the Peter Sinnott Memorial Park at Tarkiln;

—Pleased to see Recreation Director Gordon Cushing and Duxbury Youth Baseball Coach Frank Tenaglia unveil a permanent plaque in his honor;

—Pleased to hear town officials recollect stories about his commitment and honor him with resolves recognizing his love of flag and country;

—Pleased to see his fellow American Legion friends in full dress with color guard while DHS student Courtney Desmond sang the *Star Spangled Banner*.

—And especially pleased to see his son, Sandy, accept the dedicated plaque in his honor.

In addition to instituting the Honors for Youth Banquet as part of Legion activities, Jerry was an avid supporter of interscholastic sports for Duxbury youth.

He was heavily involved in town affairs both as a real estate agent and in government, serving on the personnel board and as long time clerk of the planning board. In more recent years, he ably served as the town's veteran's agent as a strong advocate.

His friend and former fellow little league coach Paul Klein remarked at the dedication, "I'm sure Jerry and Peter (Sinnott) have one eye on this ceremony today and one eye on that big game in New York."

If that's the case, it was a grand day all around for a couple of special friends and fans who meant a lot to their town.